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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

International Application Number: PCT/EP2003/013786

International Filing Date: 5 December 2003

Priority Date Claimed: 6 December 2002

Title of Invention: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A STRIP COMPRISING A STAGGERED PROFILE THAT RUNS IN THE LONGITUDINAL DIRECTION THEREOF

Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: HJB ROLLING MILL TECHNOLOGY GMBH

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designed/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. 371:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the international Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19:
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19(35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)):
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ will follow.
10. ☐ A translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
11. ☒ Copy of the:
 - a. ☐ International Preliminary Examination Report.
 - b. ☒ International Search Report.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
13. ☐ An Assignment document for recording with a separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31:
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ will follow.
14. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A substitute specification.
17. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
18. ☒ Applicant claims Small Entity status

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19. ☒ Other Items of Information: PRIORITY CLAIM20. ☒ 9 Sheets of drawings are enclosed.

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21. ☒ The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1)) and other fees as follows:

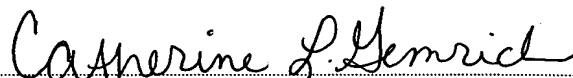
NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):					TOTAL
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	Number of Claims Filed	Number of Claims Allowed	Number of Extra Claims	Rate per Extra Claim	
Total Number of Claims Filed	44	20	24	25	600
Number of Independent Claims Filed	1	3	0		\$0
		Yes	No	Rate per Application	
Number of Multiple Dependent Claims Filed				\$270	\$0
Total Fees Enclosed for Large Entity					\$0
Total Fees Enclosed for Small Entity (1/2 of Large Entity)					1230

- a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1230 to cover the fee is enclosed.
b. ☐ Please charge my deposit account \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including request for extension and payment of extension fees due, when this is not explicitly requested by applicants, with a view toward avoidance of abandonment, to Deposit account No. 04-2219, referencing our docket # 14183. Any overpayment should be credited to this account.

Please direct all communication in connection with this application to the undersigned at:

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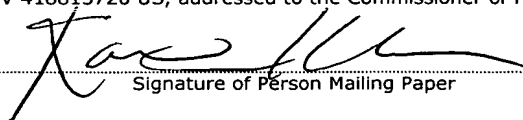


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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this transmittal letter and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on June 3, 2005, in an envelope as "Express Mail", mailing label number EV 418813726 US, addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Alexandria, VA 22313.

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